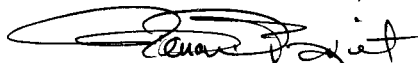


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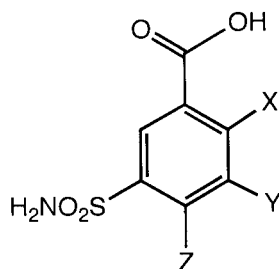
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The undersigned, Dr. John Partridge, hereby declares:

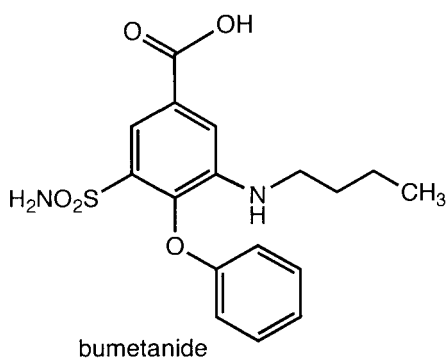
1. I have a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry and have been working in the field of organic chemistry and specifically pharmaceuticals for over 35 years, including creating the Chemical Development Department at Glaxo Inc. (now GlaxoSmithKline Inc.) in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. I now have my own consulting business and provide services for several different companies, including the assignee of the subject patent application. I am an inventor on 35 US patents, and have written over 55 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters.

2. Both furosemide and bumetanide are substituted meta-sulfamoylbenzoic acids, with bumetanide being a 3-substituted amino-4-(electron withdrawing moiety)-5-sulfamoylbenzoic acid and furosemide being a 2-substituted amino-4-(electron withdrawing moiety)-5-sulfamoylbenzoic acid. Both compounds have the following general structure:

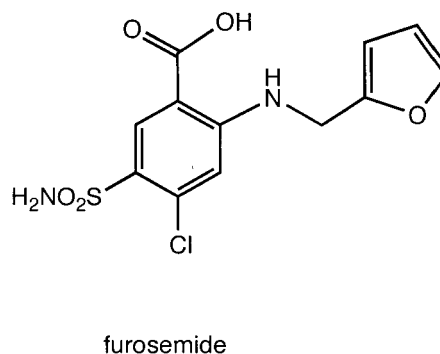


wherein Z is an electron withdrawing substituent.

More specifically, as shown below, in bumetanide: X is H, Y is NH-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ and Z is O-phenyl. In furosemide X is NH-CH₂-(2-furanyl), Y is H and Z is Cl.



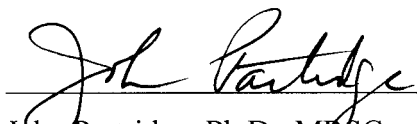
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Based on the similarities between the structures of furosemide and bumetanide, I would expect them to have similar functional activities, including similar abilities to effectively treat migraine headache and associated symptoms.

3. The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements, and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 35 of the United States Code.


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10 August 2006
Date